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PREFACE.

I have long wished for an opportunity, which has now happily arrived, of laying before the musical public an edition of the Irish Melodies of Thomas Moore, in which the airs could be given in an accurate form as noted by such excellent antiquarians as Bunting and Petrie. I have been able, thanks to the authorities of the British Museum and more especially to the able help of Mr. Barclay Squire who presides over the musical section of its library, to examine also the rare collections of Burke Thumoth, Carolan, and Holden. To this last Moore undoubtedly was (after Bunting) the most indebted.

While it is impossible to over-rate the value of much of Moore's work, both as containing masterpieces of lyrical writing, and as being the first popular presentation of the Folk-songs of Ireland, it must be remembered that the age in which they were published was not one of the golden periods of British Music, and that accuracy of detail was scarcely to be expected at a time when knowledge of the subject was very limited. In any strictures which I have felt compelled to pass on the poet and his arranger, Sir John Stevenson, this point must be kept in view, and it must be freely conceded that neither before nor since Moore's time has there been any Irish poet who so completely combined fineness of workmanship with spirit and pathos of expression.

As will be seen in the notes I have appended to the airs at the end of the volume, there is scarcely a melody which Moore left unaltered, and, as a necessary consequence, unspoilt. Whether he or his arranger was responsible for these corruptions is a matter which is lost to history; but as the name of the poet has the greater prominence in the original publication, I have laid to his door any blame which I am compelled to allot. Stevenson, a remarkable musician, who though resident all his life in Ireland was well read in foreign music, was much under the influence of the works of Haydn: and he seems to have imported into his arrangements a dim echo of the style of the great Austrian composer. He could scarcely have chosen a model more unsuited for the wildness and ruggedness of the music with which he had to deal. This probably led to the alterations of scales and characteristic intervals (such as the flat seventh) which are the life and soul of Irish melodies. Some airs are, owing to long usage in the form in which they first were dressed, almost hopelessly spoilt: as an instance I may mention "The Last Rose of Summer" (The Groves of Blarney), the original of which is to be found in Holden's collection. Moore has assisted this transmogrification, by supplying words often beautiful in themselves, but quite out of keeping with the style of the airs, such as sentimental poems for jig-tunes, dirges for agricultural airs, battle-hymns for reels. Such errors of judgment were incapable of alteration, save by a sacrifice of the words in a collection which was intended as a complete presentation both of the music and Moore's work: and I am bound to admit that in a few instances, such as "Let Erin remember" and "Oh ye dead", the melodies are so intrinsically fine and so versatile in their adaptability to various sentiments, as to endure the change of character without loss of expressiveness.

Some few of the "Melodics" I have omitted, because they are not Irish at all. These are "Evelcen's Bower", "Believe me if all those endearing young charms", and "Oh the Shamrock". I have also omitted "By that Lake" and "Alone in crowds", because the airs assigned to them are identical with those of "O breathe not his name" and "I wish I were by that dim lake".

For the accompaniments I can only say that they are frankly modern. As the melodies themselves were seldom or ever imagined from any but a monophonic standpoint, polyphony must be an interloper, no matter what its style. Therefore I have adopted a free form, while preserving in all cases the scale of the melody; for my view is (and I admit that there are two sides to the question) that the more vivid and the more in accordance with the spirit of the present age they can be made, the better their chance of bringing the force of the melodies home to the listener. The airs are for all time, their dress must vary with the fashion of a fraction of time.

For the rest I have only to express my thanks to the authorities of the British Museum, and to Mr. Joseph Robinson, the pioneer in the art of musicianly arrangement of the music of Ireland, who most kindly allowed me to use his admirable phrasing of the "Minstrel Boy" in this volume. I may conclude with a maxim as to the proper vocal rendering of the tunes, which is well-known to all born Irishmen; that the tendency is always to make a short pause (almost chorale-fashion) at the close of a line, and never to be so strict in tempo as to sacrifice the exigencies of breath or to spoil the point of a phrase.

C. V. Stanford.

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NOTES TO THE AIRS.

1. "Go where glory waits thee".

Moore's version is correct with the exception of the refrain.

2. "Remember the glories".

The version given is Bunting's (1st. Edn.); that given in the article "Irish Music" in Grove's Dictionary of Music seems to be inaccurate.

3. "Erin the tear".

Moore's version is wholly wrong, and closely resembles "Robin Adair"; that given here is Bunting's (1st. Edn.). The bars omitted by Moore are added with the words in italics. It is possible that "Robin Adair" is a simplified and shortened form, from the same source as "Aileen Aroon".

5. "When he who adores thee".

Moore's version has many mistakes.

7. "Tho' the last glimpse of Erin".

This beautiful air has been mercilessly altered and spoilt by Moore. I have restored Bunting's version.

8. "Fly not yet".

This jig-tune is infinite in form. Moore's refrain ("O stay") is interpolated by him. The real ending (or rather return to the first phrase) will be found in the accompaniment.

9. "O think not my spirits".

With some slight exceptions Moore's version is correct: but he repeats the first part of the Planxty instead of the second as given here.

13. "How dear to me the hour":

Moore has spoilt this tune by inserting wholly irrelevant accidentals, and altering the final cadence. The rhythm of this song is so peculiar as to suggest the possibility that the tempo has been carelessly noted. Mr. Joseph Robinson in his arrangement has altered the signature to $\frac{4}{4}$ time. As all the old authorities have given it in $\frac{3}{4}$ time, I have followed them and the pauses I have inserted seem to make the lilt of the tune intelligible.

14. "Take back the virgin page".

The version given here is Carolan's.

15. "The Legacy".

This is a jig-tune of which Moore has altered the character by supplying sentimental words: it is therefore impossible to restore its proper tempo, without sacrificing the poem.

18. "Let Erin remember".

This air as given by Bunting is a quick dance tune. Moore has altered it (by halving the speed) into a march, and, with the exception of one phrase unnecessarily sacrificed by him and here restored, it is impossible to deny that the melody has greatly gained in force and dignity by the alteration.

19. "Silent O Moyle".

Moore destroyed the character of the tune and obliterated its scale by sharpening the seventh (G sharp for G natural).

20. "Come, send round the wine".

The second half of the air has been much altered by Moore, and the original florid passage will be found in the accompaniment.

21. "Sublime was the warning".

I have adopted Moore's version of this tune in preference to Carolan's, which even if more authentic, is far less suitable to the words.

22. "Erin Oh Erin".

There is scarcely a passage right in Moore's version, and the repeat of the first phrase. which is characteristic of this form of air, has been omitted by him; nor is it possible to supply it without adding two lines to the poem.

24. "Oh blame not the bard".

Moore altered many notes and intervals.

25. "While gazing on the moon's light".

I have been unable to find the original form of this air, and have left it as Moore transcribed it; although some of the chromatic passages seem foreign to the character of Irish Music, they are sufficiently pretty in themselves to atone for their own delinquencies.

27. "Before the Battle".

This extraordinary melody was arranged by Stevenson in the first Edition as a quartet. The range is wholly out of the compass of any one voice, and I have been compelled to raise the pitch by an octave in the eighth and ninth lines. The burden in the interlude is part of the melody.

28. "After the Battle".

Moore has altered this air from ²/₄ to ⁴/₄ time, and has inserted an impossible C sharp. The air is in O'Neil's collection quoted by Petrie in his unpublished manuscripts. I have been unable to restore the tune completely without sacrificing the poem.

- 29. "Tis sweet to think".
- 30. "The Irish peasant to his mistress".
- 31. "On Music".

I have been unable to find the original versions of these tunes.

32. "It is not the tear".

Moore spoilt the pathos of this air by omitting the D flat in the 1st. and 3rd. lines.

35. "The Prince's day".

The version given here is Bunting's, which agrees in most points with Carolan's, but differs in many from Moore's.

36. "Weep on".

Moore has much altered the air, especially the seventh line.

37. "Lesbia hath a beaming eye".

Holden gives a version of this air in the minor key, which has every appearance of being the genuine form; but it is unfortunately unsuited to the words.

38. "I saw thy form".

A much more characteristic version of this air is to be found in Petrie's collection (p. 152) where it appears in ³/₄ time, and in a less ornamental form. Unfortunately Moore's poem does not fit the music as there given.

39. "She is far from the land".

An air from Bunting's 1st. collection, of which Moore left scarcely a note unaltered, omitting the flat seventh and vulgarizing the close.

42. "What the bee is".

Moore's version is a combination of two different forms of the air, given by Bunting in his second edition; I have restored the second version in its entirety. The most authentic form of the tune is probably that given by Petrie in % time, but this will not suit the poem.

43. "Love and the Novice".

In spite of Bunting's authority (in the preface to his second edition) Moore has adopted the spurious form of this air in the minor key, besides making numerous alterations for the worse in the melody. I have restored the form given by Bunting.

45. "At the mid hour of night".

The original of this lovely air is to be found in Holden's collection; Petrie noted an air called "Molly my jewel" which is undoubtedly another but far inferior version of the same tune.

47. "Tis the last rose of summer".

The melody of "the Groves of Blarncy" is given by Holden. It has an "Ullogaun" or lament at the close which is singularly beautiful (see note to No. 113). The whole tune is much altered and spoilt by Moore, but it is so well-known in its corrupt version that it is hopeless to restore it completely. I have however taken out the ridiculous cadenza, and the B natural, which destroy its simplicity.

49. "The Minstrel Boy".

Mr. Joseph Robinson has kindly allowed me to use his phrasing of this fine air, a vocal treatment which could not be improved upon. I have however eliminated the C sharp in the sixth line, which is foreign to the scale of the tune, and which is not to be found in O'Neil's version of the air. It is a reel-tune, altered by Moore into a march (see No. 18).

50. "The song of Breffni".

The version is Bunting's (1st. Edn.).

51. "Oh had we some bright little isle".

This version is Petrie's. Moore's version is in the major and of a jig character, and as such is very unsuitable to the poem he wrote for it.

52. "Farewell but whenever".

I have been unable to trace the original of this air. I doubt if it is Irish, but have no evidence to the contrary.

53. "Oh doubt me not".

Moore has omitted the very characteristic A flat, the harmonization of which is necessarily chromatic, in order to avoid barbarous chords which would be more out of character with the grace of the air.

54. "You remember Ellen".

I can find no original authority for this air.

58. "No, not more welcome".

The air called Luggelaw, which Petrie originally gave to Moore, is a wholly different melody from that so named in Petrie's M. S. S.

59. "When first I met thee".

I have been unable to find the original of this air. Moore's words are entirely unsuited to its light and playful character.

60. "While history's muse".

A jig-tune pure and simple.

62. "Where is the slave".

I have adopted Carolan's version. Both his and Bunting's differ from Moore's. The fragment of a Lament, which Moore introduced at the close, should be in */4 time.

64. "Tis gone and for ever".

The original is in Holden's collection. Moore ruthlessly altered notes and took out the finest phrase (beginning with the pause at the seventh line).

67. "Dear Harp of my country".

This is Holden's version.

70. "As slow our ship".

Chappell claims this as an English air; Bunting, whose version I have adopted, as an Irish one. Moore's ending in the minor is quite without authority of any sort. Bunting had the air from O'Neil the harpist.



71. "When cold in the earth".

I have adopted Bunting's version, as more reliable and more beautiful than Carolan's. Moore's version is wholly different from both and is probably his own. The poem cannot be said to be a successful setting to the music, and the last verse is especially poor from a rhythmical stand-point.

73. "Whene'er I see".

The version is Holden's.

74. If thou'lt be mine".

The turn used in the accompaniment is part of the melody and precedes the last note; as it is difficult to vocalise I have transferred it to the pianoforte.

83. "Drink of this cup".

Bunting's version of this jig-tune. Neither Moore's version nor Bunting's is really adapted for vocal purposes; it is an instrumental dance.

85. "Oh ye dead".

A singular proof of Moore's superficial smattering of Irish folk-songs. The melody is a lively agricultural tune, probably whistled by a plough-man. To this Moore has written a dirge, altering the whole character of the air. Apart from this curious blunder, he has ruthlessly altered both notes and rhythm, of which the irregularity was the main charm: treating them indeed after the fashion of Procrustes. These vandalisms I have been able to expunge and to restore the original as it stands in the collection of the younger Carolan.

86. "O'Donohue's mistress".

There are very few notes right in Moore's version. The original air is out of the range of any but an exceptional voice, and I have altered the pitch by an octave in two passages. The air belongs to the same type as No. 27.

90. "Shall the harp".

Moore has written so many verses to this air, that I have printed the greater number at the foot, leaving the choice to the singer.

91. 'Oh the sight".

Moore has much altered this fine air. I have restored it completely, but it is optional for the singer to alter the pitch in the last phrase by an octave.

92. "Swect Innisfallen".

See Note to No. 90.

93. "Twas one of those dreams".

See Note to No. 90.

94. "Fairest, put on awhile".

Moore has scarcely a right note in his version. See Note to No. 90.

96. "And doth not a meeting".

A jig-tune, transformed into a sontimental air. It has a strong family likeness to a tune in my volume of "Irish Songs and Ballads" named "The Kilkenny Cats". See Note to No. 90.

97. "The mountain sprite".

A somewhat tame air, of which I cannot trace the origin.

98. "As vanguished Erin".

I have adopted the far finer version of this air given by Dr. Francis Robinson in the appendix of his pianoforte arrangement of Moore's Melodies.

99. "Desmond's Song".

I cannot trace the origin of this or the following air (No. 100).

101. "I wish I was by that dim lake".

» Another version of this air, and a very beautiful one, has been arranged by Mr. Joseph Robinson under the title of "I wish I were on yonder hill". The words he has used are more suitable to the melody than Moore's, but I cannot find authority for his more varied version of the melody.

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102. "She sung of Love".

Moore has, for a wonder, preserved the characteristic flat seventh in the scale of this tune; but he (or his arranger) has compensated for this unusual accuracy by altering the key to the subdominant, which produces a most ridiculous effect. The air is in the "narrative" form.

104. "Tho' humble the banquet".

I cannot trace the origin of this or the following air (No. 105).

106. "Song of the Battle Eve".

I have adopted the second version of this magnificent air given by Dr. Francis Robinson, which is nearly identical with that in Holden's collection, though in a few points superior to it. Moore's is much poorer, and he has wholly altered the close, ending the melody in the relative major!

107. "The wandering Bard".

This jig-tune is so unsuited for vocal purposes that I have been obliged to transfer some of the melody to the accompaniment, and to simplify the voice part.

110. "The night dance".

A jig-tune of "infinite" form. The version given is Holden's. The intervening symphony contains part of the melody.

113 "Lay his sword by his side".

Moore's version of this magnificent air is nearly correct. I have inserted after the pause in the sixth line a very fine lament (Ullogaun or Caoine) which is printed in Holden's collection at the end of the Groves of Blarney. It seems appropriate in this place.

106. "The dream of those days".

Holden's version is given here. See note to No. 102.

117. "From this hour".

I have adopted Petrie's version of this air, which is much more characteristic and beautiful than Moore's (given by Holden) and more likely to be authentic.

118. "Silence is in our festal halls".

This was a tribute from Moore to the memory of Sir John Stevenson.

GO WHERE GLORY WAITS THEE.

AIR. MAID OF THE VALLEY.









ERIN! THE TEAR AND THE SMILE IN THINE EYES. AIR. AILEEN AROON.





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AIR. THE BROWN MAID.



WHEN HE WHO ADORES THEE.

AIR. THE FOX'S SLEEP.



THE HARP THAT ONCE THRO' TARA'S HALLS. AIR. MOLLY MY TREASURE.





THOUGH THE LAST GLIMPSE OF ERIN. AIR. THE COULIN.





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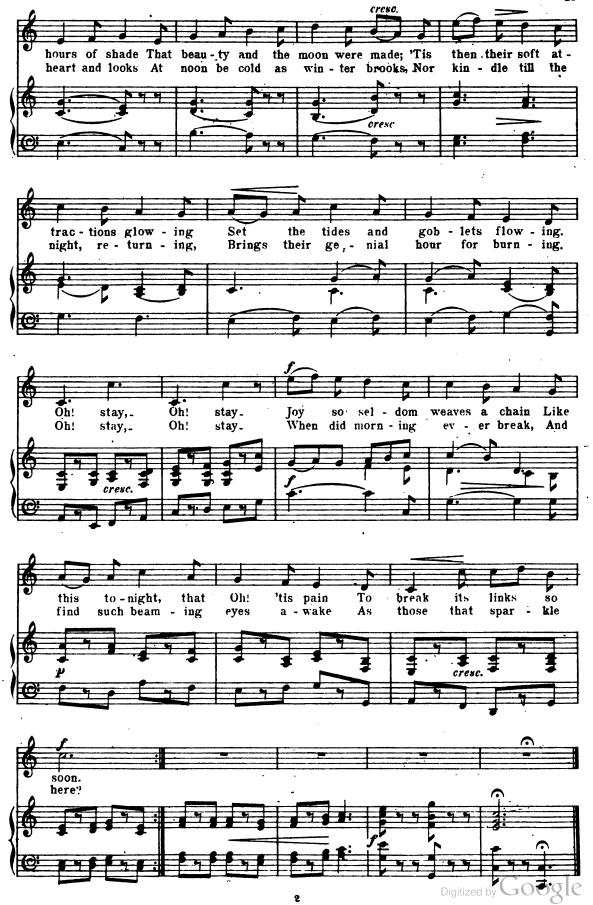




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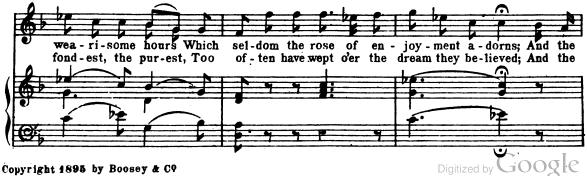






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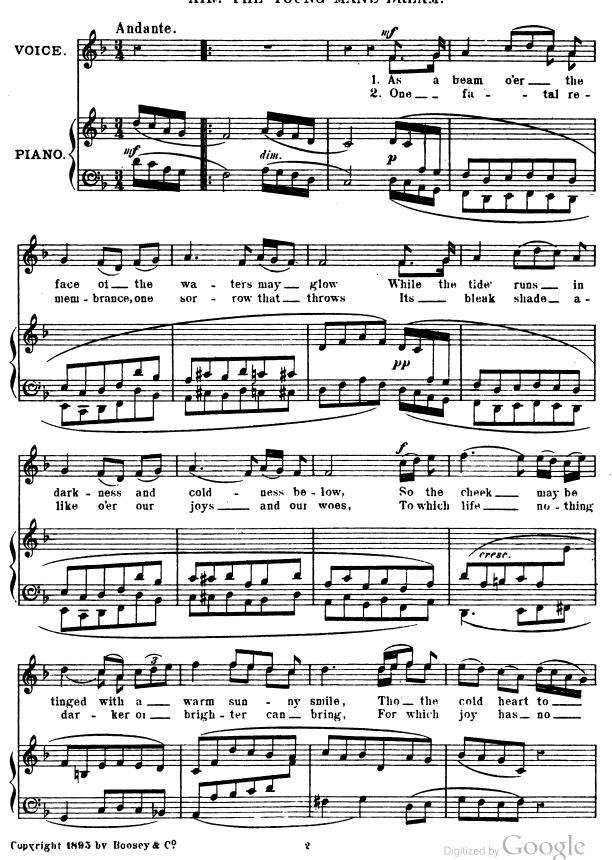








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THE MEETING OF THE WATERS.

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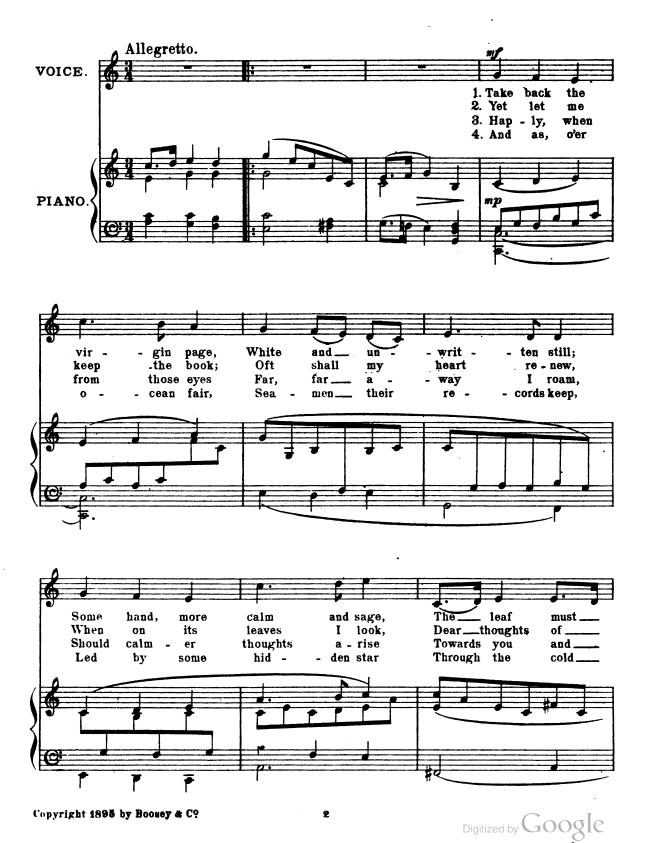
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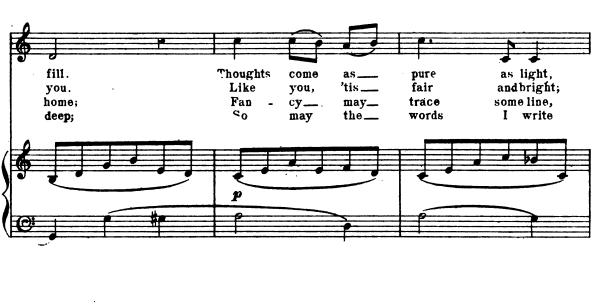




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THE LEGACY.

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HOW OFT HAS THE BENSHEE CRIED AIR. THE DEAR BLACK MAID.







WE MAY ROAM THRO' THIS WORLD.

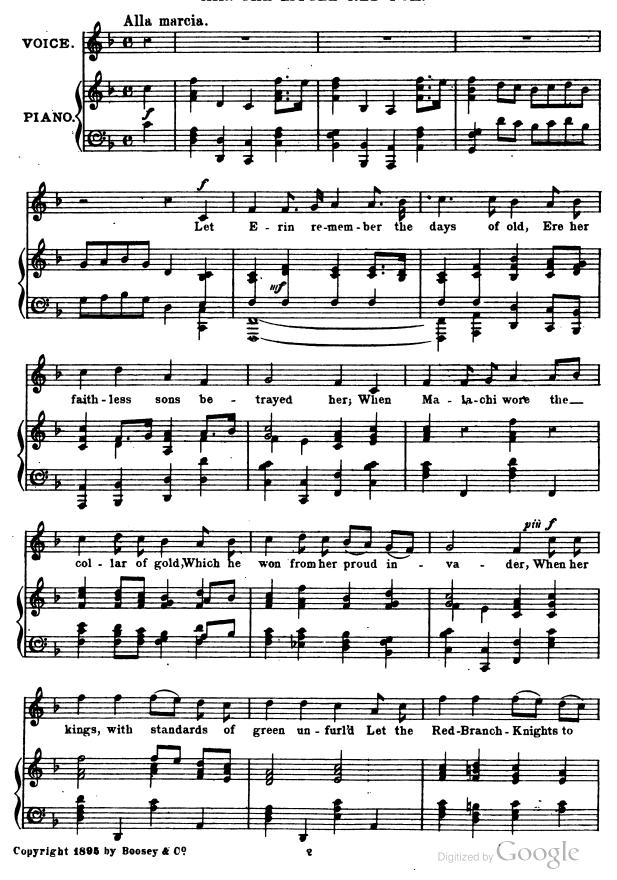
AIR. GARRYOWEN.





LET ERIN REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD.

AIR. THE LITTLE RED FOX.









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THE SONG OF FIONNUALA.

(AIR. ARRAH, MY DEAR EVELEEN.)









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SUBLIME WAS THE WARNING.

(AIR. THE BLACK JOKE.)





ERIN, OH ERIN. (AIR._I AM ASLEEP AND DON'T WAKEN ME.)



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DRINK TO HER.

(AIR. HEIGHO! MY JACKY.)





OH! BLAME NOT THE BARD.

(AIR. KITTY TYRREL.)









WHILE GAZING ON THE MOON'S LIGHT.

(AIR. OONAGH.)





ILL OMENS.

(AIR. KITTY OF COLERAINE.)





BEFORE THE BATTLE.

(AIR. THE FAIRY QUEEN.)









'TIS SWEET TO THINK.

(AIR. THADY, YOU GANDER.)





THE IRISH PEASANT TO HIS MISTRESS.*

(AIR. I ONCE HAD A TRUE LOVE.)





ON MUSIC. (AIR. THE BANKS OF BANNA.)





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IT IS NOT THE TEAR.

(AIR. THE SIXPENCE.)



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THE ORIGIN OF THE HARP.

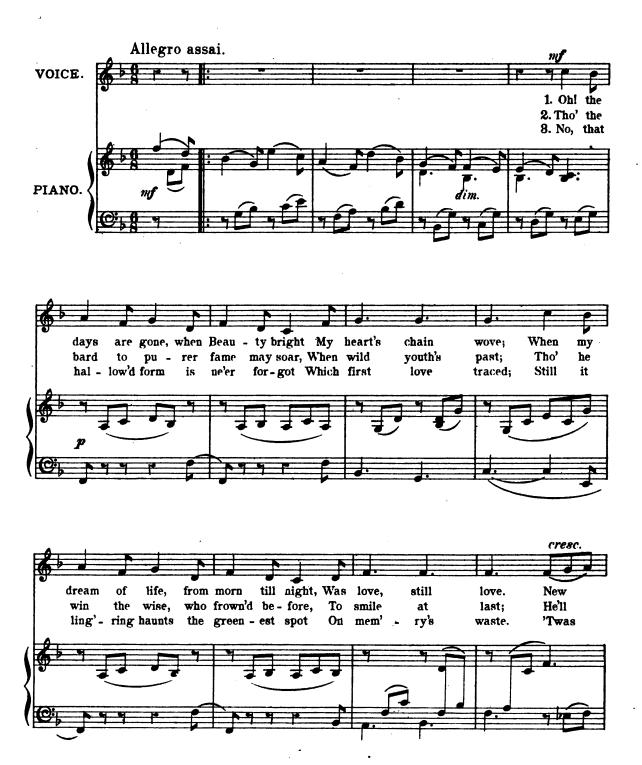
(AIR. GAGE FANE.)





LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

(AIR. THE OLD WOMAN.)





THE PRINCE'S DAY.

(AIR. ST PATRICK'S DAY.)







WEEP ON. WEEP ON.

(AIR. THE SONG OF SORROW.)





LESBIA HATH A BEAMING EYE.

(AIR. NORA CREINA.)





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I SAW THY FORM.

(AIR. DONNEL O'GREADH.)





SHE IS FAR FROM THE LAND.

(AIR. OPEN THE DOOR SOFTLY.)





NAY, TELL ME NOT, DEAR.

(AIR. DENNIS, DON'T BE THREATENING.)





AVENGING AND BRIGHT.

(AIR. CRUACHAN NA FEINE.)





WHAT THE BEE IS TO THE FLOWERET.

(AIR. THE YELLOW GARRON.)





LOVE AND THE NOVICE.

(AIR. BLACK-HEADED DEARY.)





THIS LIFE IS ALL CHEQUER'D.

(AIR. THE BUNCH OF GREEN RUSHES THAT GREW AT THE BRIM.)





AT THE MID' HOUR OF NIGHT.

(AIR. MOLLY, MY DEAR.)



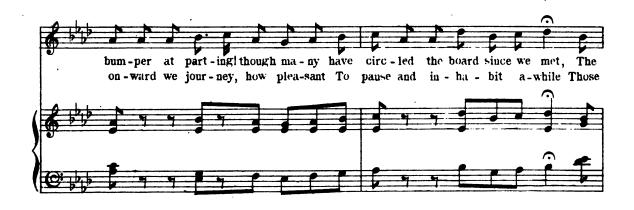


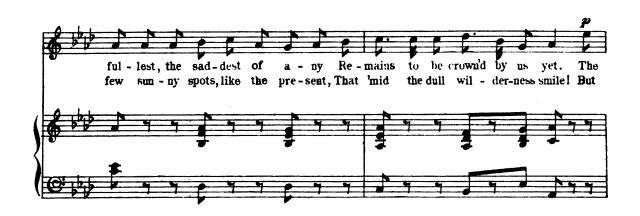


ONE BUMPER AT PARTING!

(AIR. MOLL ROE IN THE MORNING.)











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'TIS THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER.

(AIR. THE GROVES OF BLARNEY.)





THE YOUNG MAY MOON.

(AIR. THE DANDY O!)





THE MINSTREL BOY.

(AIR. THE MOREEN.)





THE SONG OF O'RUARK.

Prince of Breffni.

(AIR. THE PRETTY GIRL MILKING HER COW.)

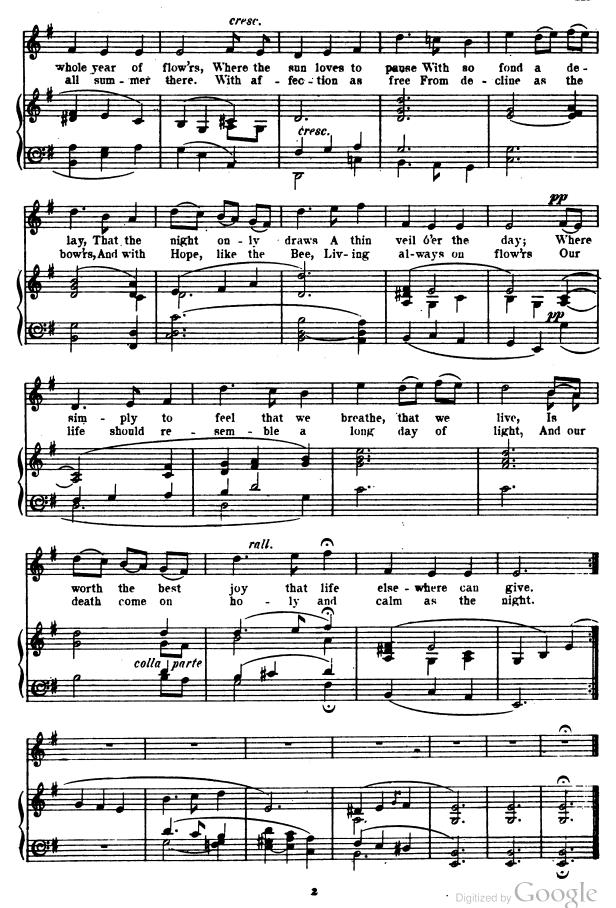




OH! HAD WE SOME BRIGHT LITTLE ISLE.

(AIR. "SHEELA NA GUIRA")





FAREWELL! BUT WHENEVER YOU WELCOME THE HOUR.

(AIR. MOLL ROONE.)

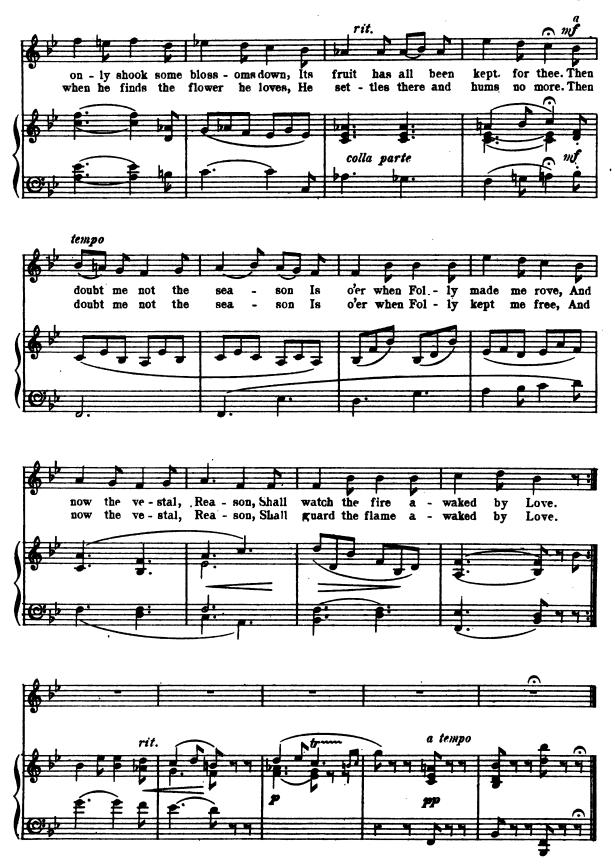




OH! DOUBT ME NOT.

(AIR. YELLOW WAT AND THE FOX.)





YOU REMEMBER ELLEN.

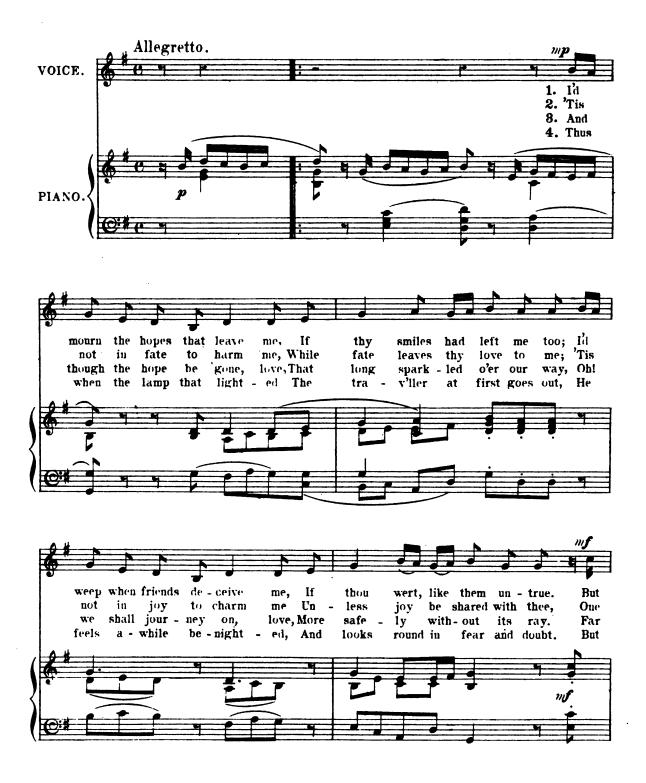
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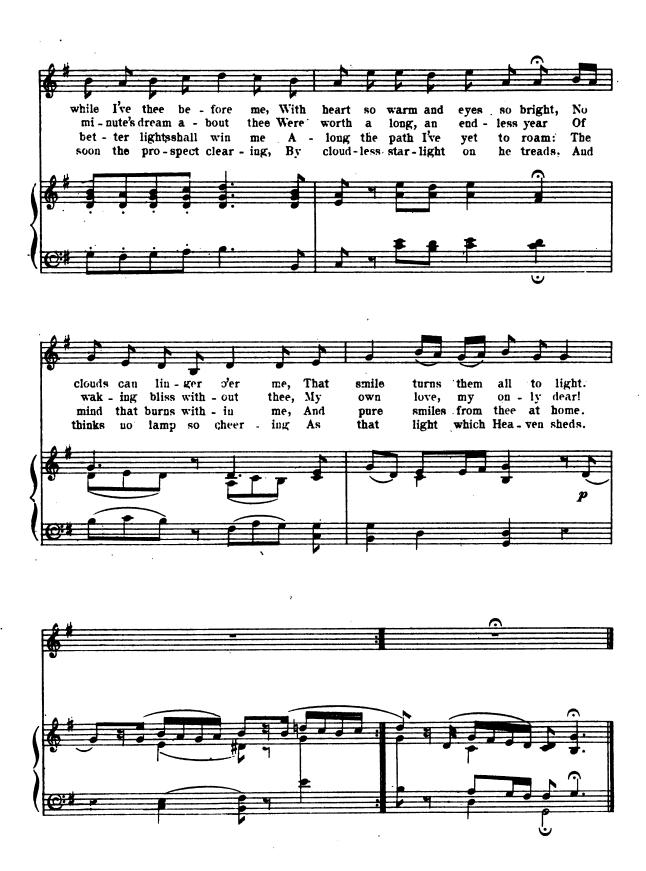




I'D MOURN THE HOPES THAT LEAVE ME.

(AIR. THE ROSE TREE.)





COME O'ER THE SEA.

(AIR. CUISHLA MACHREE.)





HAS SORROW THY YOUNG DAYS SHADED. (AIR. SLY PATRICK.)

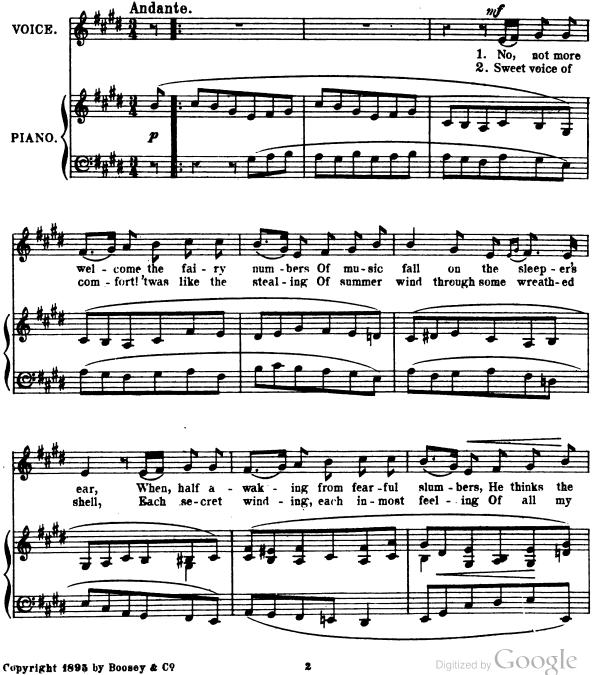






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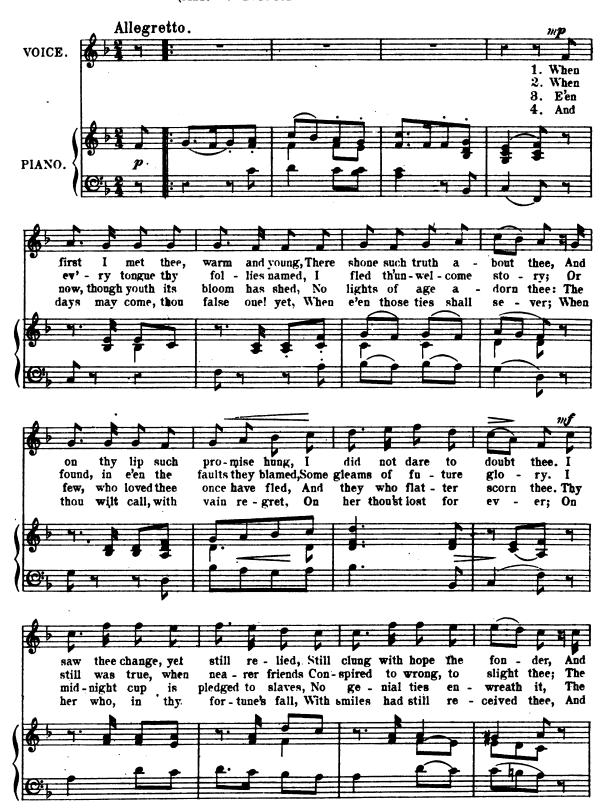
(AIR. LUGGELAW.)





WHEN FIRST I MET THEE.

(AIR. O PATRICK FLY FROM ME.)





WHILE HISTORY'S MUSE.

(AIR PADDY WHACK.)



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THE TIME I'VE LOST IN WOOING.

(AIR. PEASE UPON A TRENCHER.)





OH, WHERE'S THE SLAVE.

(AIR. DOWN BESIDE ME.)





COME, REST IN THIS BOSOM.

(AIR. LOUGH SHEELING.)





'TIS GONE, AND FOR EVER.

(AIR. "SAVOURNEEN DEELISH")







I SAW FROM THE BEACH.

(AIR. MISS MOLLY.)



FILL THE BUMPER FAIR.

(AIR. BOB AND JOAN.)







DEAR HARP OF MY COUNTRY.

(AIR. NEW LANGOLEE.)





MY GENTLE HARP.

(AIR. THE CAOINE OR DIRGE.)





IN THE MORNING OF LIFE.

(AIR. THE LITTLE HARVEST ROSE.)





AS SLOW OUR SHIP. (AIR. THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.)





WHEN COLD IN THE EARTH.

(AIR. LIMERICK'S LAMENTATION.)





REMEMBER THEE.

(AIR. CASTLE TIROWEN.)







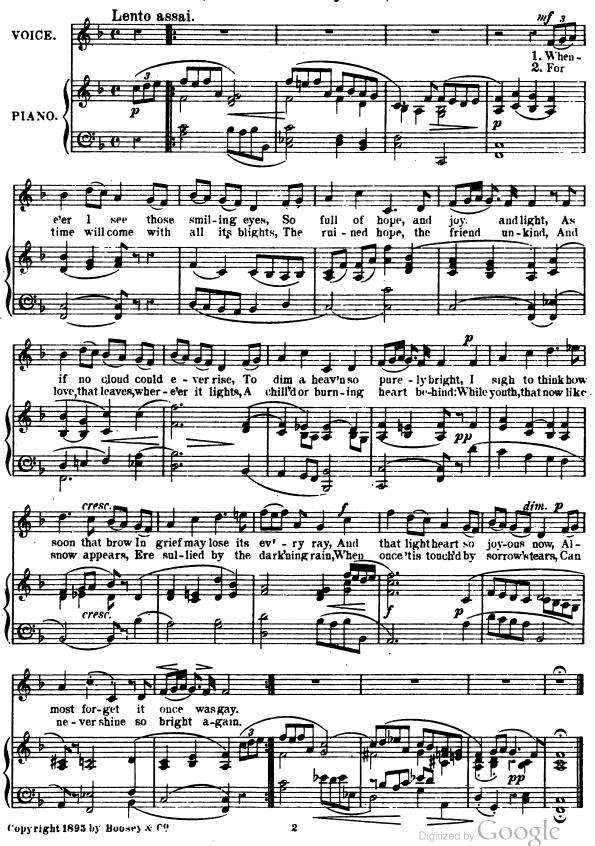
WREATHE THE BOWL.

(AIR. NORAH KISTA.)





WHENE'ER I SEE THOSE SMILING EYES. (AIR. FATHER QUINN.)



IF THOU'LT BE MINE.

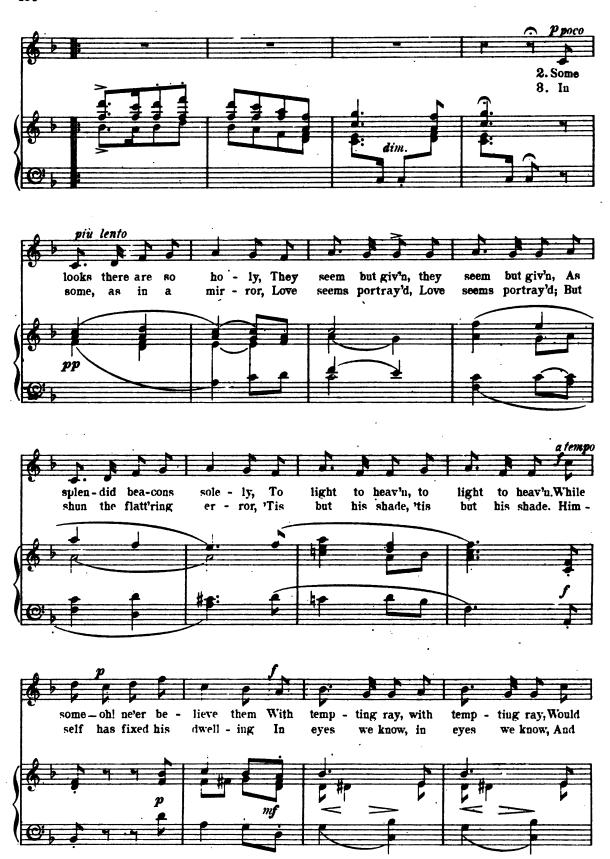
(AIR. THE WINNOWING SHEET.)





TO LADIES' EYES. (AIR. FAUGH-A-BALLAGH.)







FORGET NOT THE FIELD. (AIR. THE LAMENTATION OF AUGHRIM.)

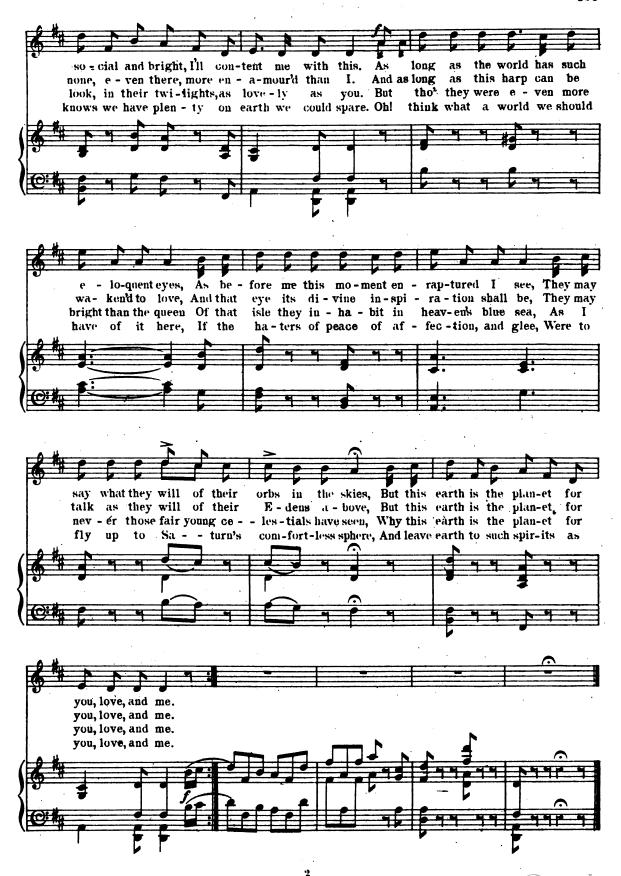




THEY MAY RAIL AT THIS LIFE.

(AIR. NOCH BONIN SHIN DOE.)





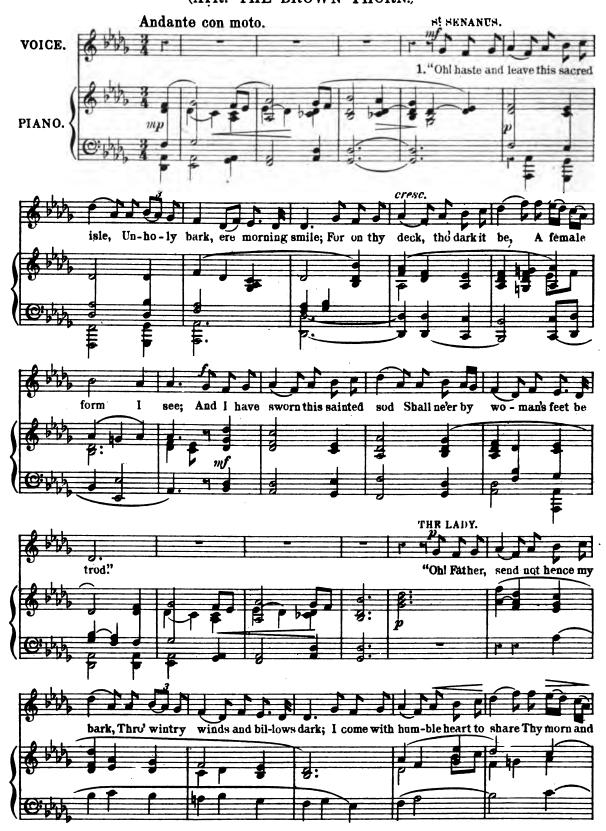
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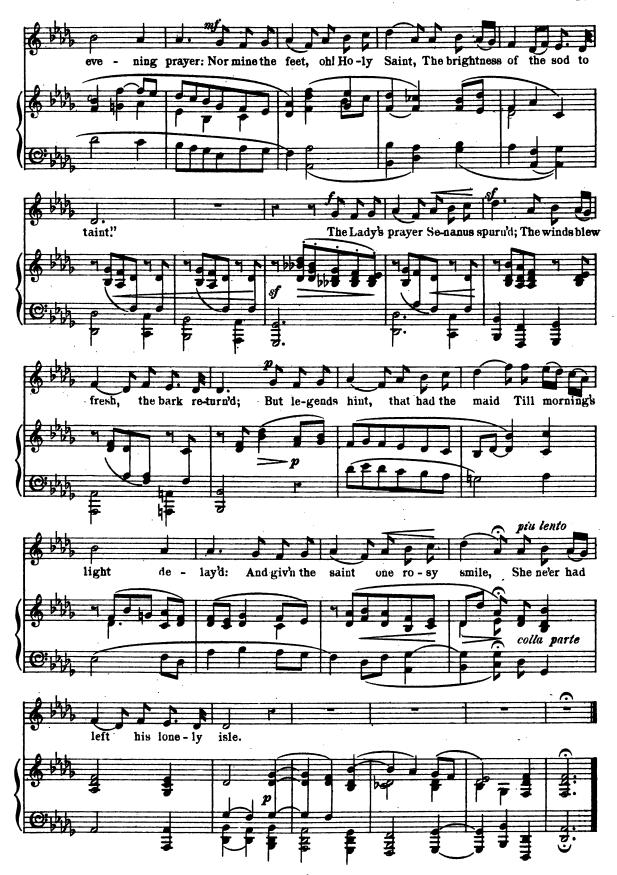
Allegro moderato ma con fuoco.





S! SENANUS AND THE LADY. (AIR. THE BROWN THORN.)





NE'ER ASK THE HOUR.

(AIR. MY HUSBAND'S A JOURNEY TO PORTUGAL GONE.)





SAIL ON, SAIL ON.

(AIR. THE HUMMING OF THE BAN.)



YES, SAD ONE OF SION. (AIR. I WOULD RATHER THAN IRELAND.)



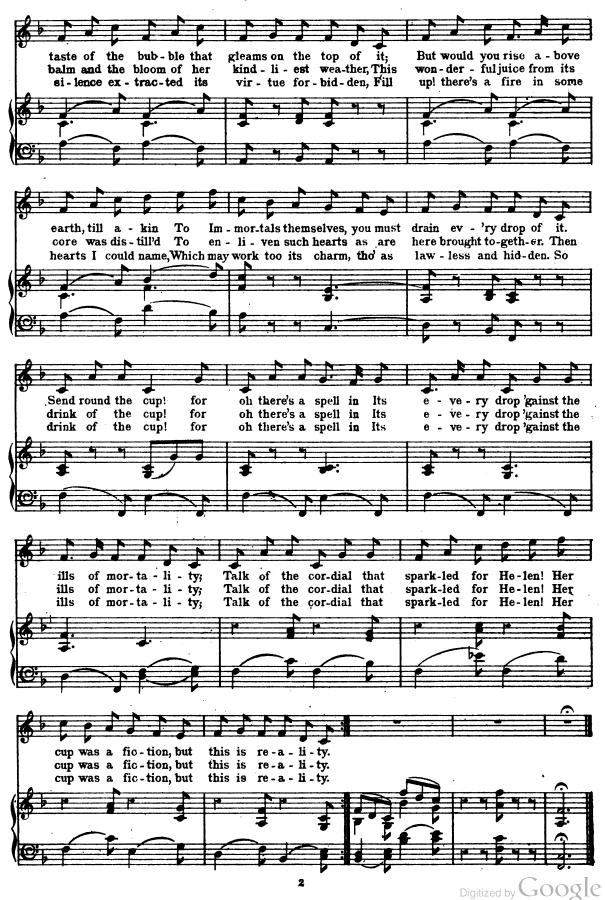




DRINK OF THIS CUP.

(AIR. PADDY O' RAFFERTY.)

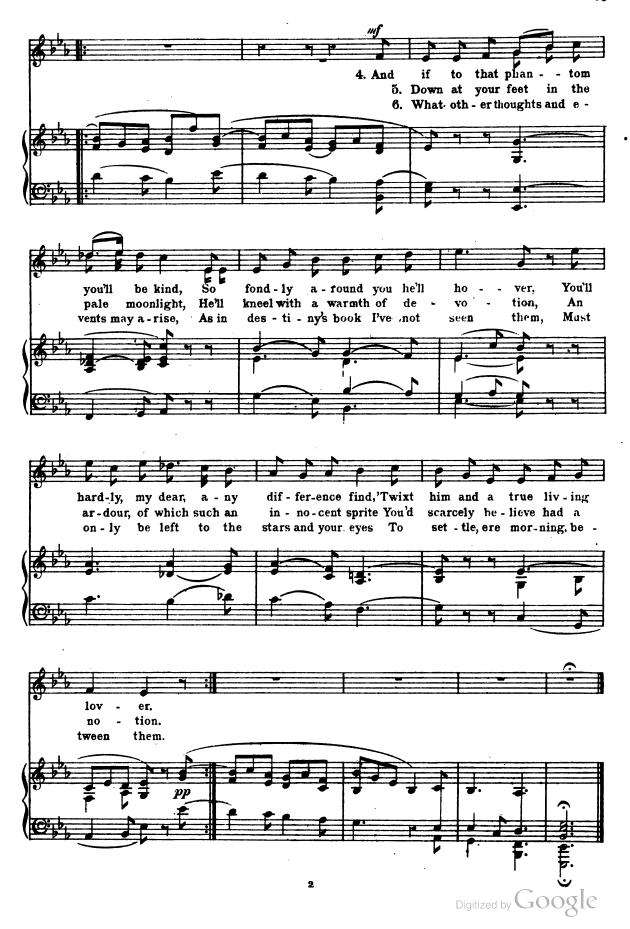




THE FORTUNE TELLER. (AIR. OPEN THE DOOR SOFTLY.)



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OH, YE DEAD!

(AIR. A PLOUGH TUNE.)





O'DONOGHUE'S MISTRESS. (AIR. THE LITTLE AND GREAT MOUNTAIN.)









ECHO. (AIR. THE WREN.)



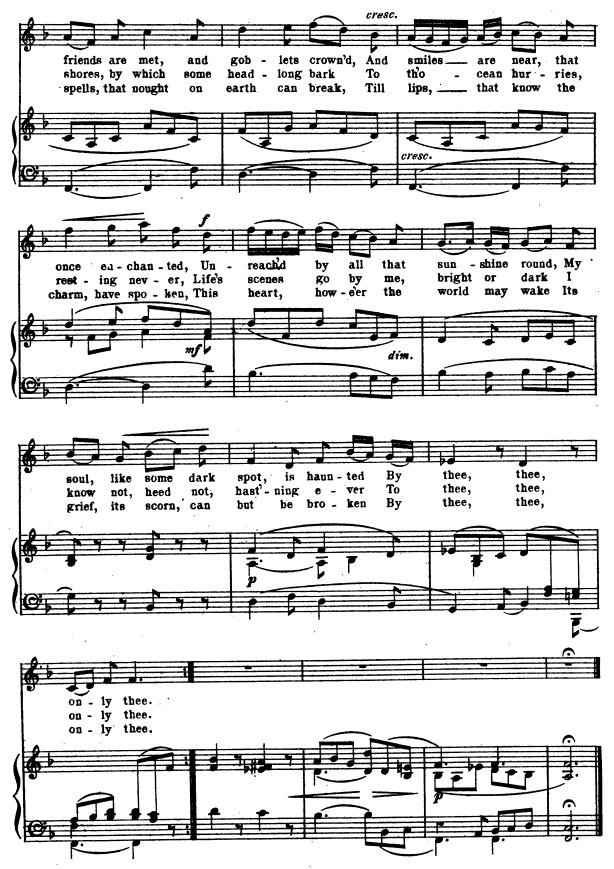
OH BANQUET NOT. (AIR. PLANXTY IRWIN.)



THEE, THEE, ONLY THEE.

(AIR. THE MARKET-STAKE.)

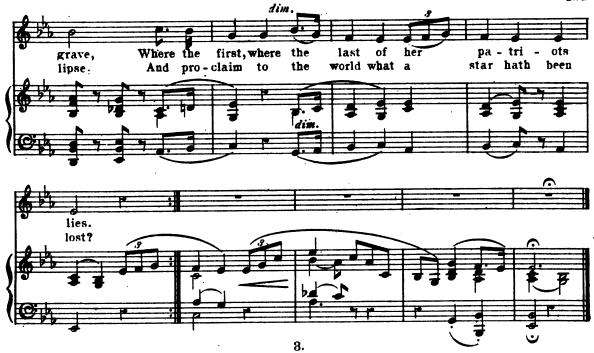




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SHALL THE HARP THEN BE SILENT. (AIR. MACFARLANE'S LAMENTATION.)





What a union of all the affections and powers
By which life is exalted, embellished, refined,
Was embraced in that spirit whose centre was ours,
While its mighty circumference circled mankind!

Oh, who that loves Erin, or who that can see,
Through the waste of her annals, that epoch sublime_
Like a pyramid, raised in the desert_where he
And his glory stand out to the eyes of all time;

That one lucid interval, snatch'd from the gloom
And the madness of ages, when, fill'd with his soul,
A Nation o'erleap'd the dark bounds of her doom,
And for one sacred instant, touch'd Liberty's goal?

Who, that ever hath heard him hath drunk at the source Of that wonderful eloquence, all Erin's own.

In whose high-thoughted daring the fire, and the force, And the yet untamed spring of her spirit are shown?

An eloquence rich wheresoever its wave
Wander'd free and triumphant, with thoughts that shone through,
As clear as the brook's "stone of lustre," and gave.
With the flash of the gem, its solidity too!

Who, that ever approach'd him, when, free from the crowd. In a home full of love, he delighted to tread 'Mong the trees which a nation had given, and which bow'd, As if each brought a new civic crown for his head...

Is there one, who hath thus, through his orbit of life,
But at distance observed him-through glory, through blame,
In the calm of retreat, in the grandeur of strife,
Whether shining or clouded, still high and the same,

Oh no! not a heart, that e'er knew him, but mourns
Deep, deep o'er the grave, where such glory is shrined...
O'er a monument Fame will preserve, 'mong the urns
Of the wisest, the bravest, the best of mankind!

OH, THE SIGHT ENTRANCING. (AIR. PLANXTY SUDLEY.)





SWEET INNISTALLEN. (AIR. THE CAPTIVATING YOUTH.)







3.

Twas light, indeed, too blest for one
Who had to turn to paths of care —
Thro' crowded haunts again to run,
And leave thee bright and silent there;

No more unto thy shores to come,
But, on the world's rude ocean tost,
Dream of thee sometimes as a home
Of sunshine he had seen and lost!

5.
Far better in thy weeping hours
To part from thee, as I do now,
When mist is o'er thy blooming bowers,
Like sorrow's veil on beauty's brow.

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For, though unrivall'd still thy grace,
Thou dost not look, as then, too blest,
But thus in shadow, seem'st a place
Where erring man might hope to rest...

Might hope to rest, and find in thee
A gloom like Eden's, on the day
He left its shade, when every tree,
Like thine, hung weeping o'er his way.

8.
Weeping or smiling, lovely isle!
And all the lovelier for thy tears _
For though but rare thy sunny smile,
'T is Heaven's own glance, when it appears.

9.
Like feeling hearts, whose joys are few,
But, when indeed they come, divine —
The brightest light the sun e'er threw
Is lifeless to one gleam of thine!

'TWAS ONE OF THOSE DREAMS.

(AIR. THE SONG OF THE WOODS.)







The following verses can be sung if desired:-

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It seem'd as if every sweet note, that died here, Was again brought to life in some airier sphere, Some heaven in those hills, where the soul of the strain That had ceased upon earth was awaking again!

Oh forgive, if, while listening to music, whose breath Seem'd to circle his name with a charm against death, He should feel a proud Spirit within him proclaim, "Even so shalt thou live in the echoes of Fame:

"Even so, though thy memory should now die away,
'T will be caught up again in some happier day,
And the hearts and the voices of Erin prolong,
Through the answering Future, thy name and thy song!"

FAIREST, PUT ON AWHILE.

(AIR. CUMMILUM.)





4.
Lakes, where the pearl lies hid,
And caves, where the gem is sleeping.
Bright as the tears thy lid
Lets fall in lovely weeping.
Glens, where Ocean comes,
To 'scape the wild wind's rancour,
And harbours, worthiest homes,
Where Freedom's fleet can anchor.

Then, if, while scenes so grand,
So beautiful, shine before thee,
Pride for thy own dear land
Should haply be stealing o'er thee,
Oh, let grief come first,
O'er pride itself victorious,
Thinking how man hath curst
What Heaven had made so glorious!

QUICK! WE HAVE BUT A SECOND.

(AIR. PADDY O'SNAP.)





AND DOTH NOT A MEETING LIKE THIS. (AIR. UNKNOWN.)





And thus, as in memory's bark, we shall glide
To visit the scenes of our boyhood anew,
Though oft we may see looking down on the tide,
The wreck of full many a hope shining through;
Yet still, as in fancy we point to the flowers,
That once made a garden of all the gay shore,
Deceived for a moment, we'll think them still ours,
And breathethe fresh air of Life's morning once more.

So brief our existence, a glimpse, at the most, Is all we can have of the few we hold dear; And oft even joy is unheeded and lost, For want of some heart, that could echo it, near. Ah, well may we hope, when this short life is gone, To meet in some world of more permanent bliss, For a smile or a grasp of the hand, hast'ning on, Is all we enjoy of each other in this.

5.

But,come,—the more rare such delights to the heart,
The more we should welcome and bless them the more—
They re ours, when we meet,—they are lost, when we part,
Like birds that bring summer, and fly when 'tis o'er.
Thus circling the cup, hand in hand, ere we drink,
Let Sympathy pledge us, through pleasure, through pain,
That, fast as a feeling but touches one link,
Her magic shall send it direct through the chain.

THE MOUNTAIN SPRITE.

(AIR. THE MOUNTAIN SPRITE.)





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(AIR. THE BOYNE WATER.)





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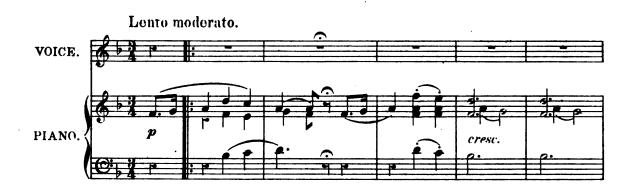
(AIR. UNKNOWN.)





THEY KNOW NOT MY HEART.

(AIR. COULIN DHAS.)









I WISH I WAS BY THAT DIM LAKE.

(AIR. SHULE AROON.)





SHE SUNG OF LOVE.

(AIR. THE MUNSTER MAN.)





SING, SING, MUSIC WAS GIVEN.

(AIR. THE OLD LANGOLEE.)



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THOUGH HUMBLE THE BANQUET.

(AIR. FAREWELL, EAMON.)





'Tis this makes the pride of his humble retreat,
And, with this, though of all other treasures bereaved,
The breeze of his garden to him is more sweet
Than the costliest incense that Pomp e'er received.

5.

Then, come, if a board so untempting hath power
To win thee from grandeur, its best shall be thine;
And there's one, long the light of the bard's happy bower,
Who, smiling, will blend her bright welcome with mine.

SING, SWEET HARP.

(AIR. UNKNOWN.)





SONG OF THE BATTLE EVE.

(AIR. THE CRUISKEEN LAWN.)









THE WANDERING BARD.

(AIR. PLANXTY O'REILLY.)





I'VE A SECRET TO TELL THEE.

(AIR. OH SOUTHERN BREEZE.)





SONG OF INNISFAIL. (AIR. PEGGY BAWN.)



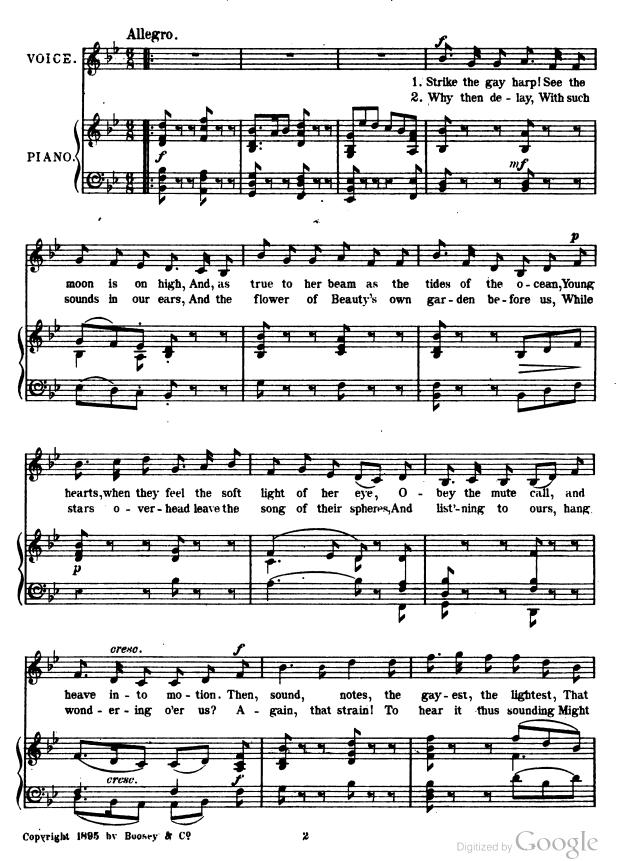


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THE NIGHT DANCE.

(AIR. THE NIGHTCAP.)







THERE ARE SOUNDS OF MIRTH.

(AIR. THE PRIEST IN HIS BOOTS.)





OH! ARRANMORE.

(AIR. KILLDROUGHALT FAIR.)





LAY HIS SWORD BY HIS SIDE.

(AIR. IF THE SEA WERE INK.)









OH, COULD WE DO WITH THIS WORLD. (AIR. BASKET OF OYSTERS.)





THE WINE-CUP IS CIRCLING. (AIR. MICHAEL HOY.)







THE DREAM OF THOSE DAYS.

(AIR. I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THE REST.)



FROM THIS HOUR THE PLEDGE IS GIVEN. (AIR. RENARDINE.)





SILENCE IS IN OUR FESTAL HALLS.

(AIR. THE GREEN WOODS OF TRUIGHA.)





But, where is now the cheerful day,

The social night, when, by thy side,
He, who now weaves this parting lay,
His skilless voice with thine allied;
And sung those songs whose every tone,
When bard and minstrel long have past.
Shall still, in sweetness all their own,
Embalmed by fame, undying last.

Or, if thy bard have shared the crown,
From thee the borrow'd glory came,
And at thy feet is now laid down.
Enough, if Freedom still inspire
His latest song, and still there be,
As evining closes round his lyre,
One ray upon its chords from thee.

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